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Naoyuki KOBAYASHI et al.

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EXPOSURE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING

**DEVICE** 



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Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, Notice of Allowance or other action that closes prosecution (e.g., Quayle Action).
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2. A search report and an Office Action were issued in a counterpart international application. An original and English language version of the search report and Office Action are attached as References <u>1-3</u>. The references cited therein have already been made of record in this application.

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